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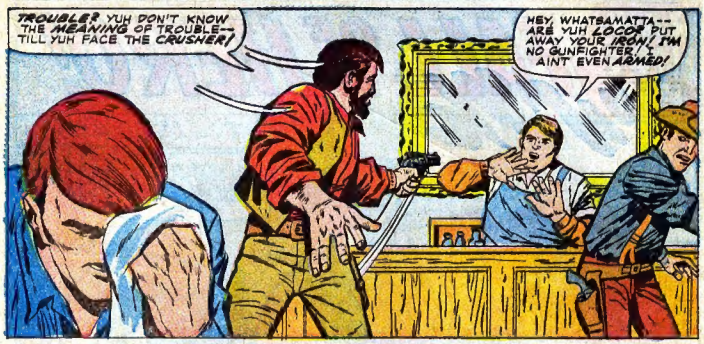
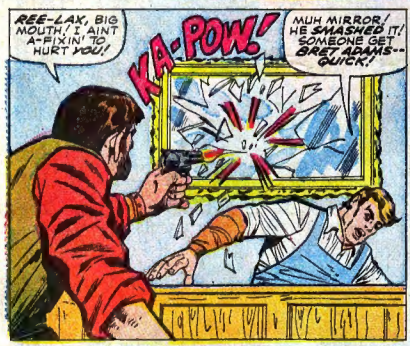

TROUBLER YUH DON'T KNOW THE MEANING OF TROUBLE-- TILL YUH FACE THE CRUSHER!
HEY, WHATSAMATTA-- ARE YUH LOCOS? PUT AWAY YOUR IRON! I'M NO GUNFIGHTER, I AINT EVEN ARMED!


REE-LAX, BIG MOUTH! I AINT A-FIXIN' TO HURT YOU!
KA-POW!
MUH MIRROR! HE SMASHED IT! SOMEONE GET BRET ADAMS-- QUICK!

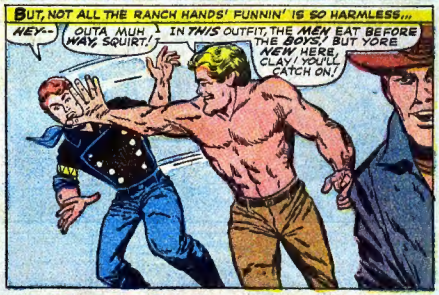
I DUNNO WHO ADAMS IS! BUT UNLESS HE'S BIGGER'N A BEAR, AND TOUGHER'N A PUMA, DON'T BOTHER SENDIN' FOR 'IM!

HOWEVER, EVEN AS THE HULKING STRANGER SPEAKS...
HERE HE COMES NOW!
WE'RE SHORE GLAD T'SEE YUH, MISTUH ADAMS!
WHAT'S THE TROUBLE, BOYS?
SO, YORE THE ONE THEY'RE JAWIN' ABOUT! YUH DON'T LOOK LIKE MUCH TO ME!

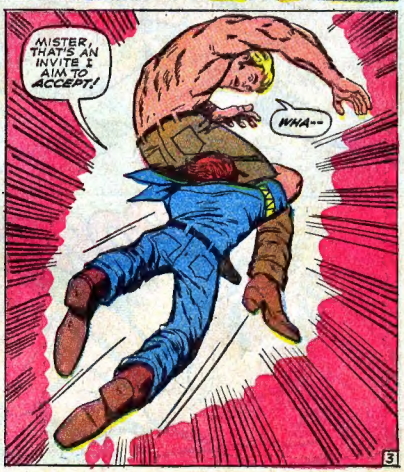
YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST BRAINLESS GUNNIE TO THINK THAT! THE OTHERS ARE ALL BURIED ON BOOT HILL-- SENT THERE BY-- THE PEACE-MAKER!
YOU--YOU'RE THE PEACE-MAKER?! I-I DIDN'T KNOW! I AINT GONNA TANGLE WITH YOU! NO SIR, NOT YOU!

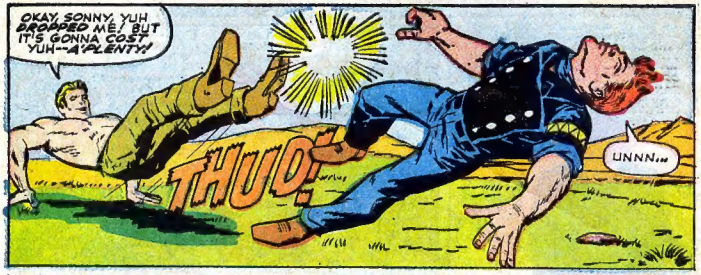
THAT'S A WISE DECISION, FRIEND! NOW MAKE ANOTHER ONE! GET OUT OF TOWN PRONTO!
CHEAP, RUTHLESS GUNMEN ARE NO LONGER TOLERATED IN THIS NECK OF THE WOODS! GO ON--VAMOOSE!
DON'T WORRY--I KNOW WHEN I'M HOLDIN' A LOSIN' HAND!
I'M GOIN'!

MEANWHILE, ON A RANCH NOT FAR AWAY...
CHOW'S READY! COME 'N GET IT!
CLANG!
CLANG!
MAN, I'M HUNGRY ENUFF TO EAT A HOSS!
IF I KNOW COOKIE, THAT'S WHAT WE'LL GET!
I HOPE SO! IT'D BE BETTER THAN THE MESS HE CALLS STEW!

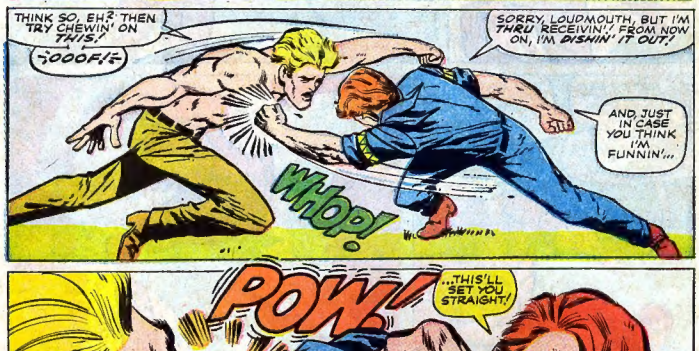

BUT, NOT ALL THE RANCH HANDS' FUNNIN' IS SO HARMLESS...
HEY--
OUTA MUH WAY, SQUIRT!
IN THIS OUTFIT, THE MEN EAT BEFORE THE BOYS! BUT YORE NEW HERE CLAY! YOU'LL CATCH ON!

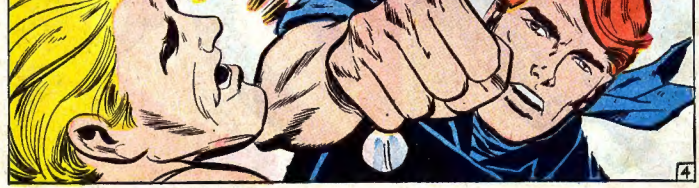
I'M NOT SO NEW THAT I HAVEN'T PEGGED YOU, BURKE!
YOU'RE A CHICKEN-HEARTED, MUSCLE-BOUND WINDBAG!
THAT SO? MEBBE YOU'D LIKE TO TRY KNOCKIN' SOME OF THE WIND OUTTA ME, HUH, SQUIRT?


MISTER, THAT'S AN INVITE I AIM TO ACCEPT!
WHA--


OKAY, SONNY, YUH DROPPED ME! BUT IT'S GONNA COST YUH--A'PLENTY!
THUD!
UNNN...

C'MON, CLAY--TRY 'N TAKE ME AGAIN! FROM THE FRONT, THIS TIME!
FRONT OR BACK--IT DON'T MAKE NO NEVER MIND TO ME, BURKE! NOTHIN'S GONNA KEEP ME FROM CUTTIN' YOU DOWN TO SIZE!


THINK SO, EH? THEN TRY CHEWIN' ON THIS!
-OOOF!-
SORRY, LOUDMOUTH, BUT I'M THRU 'RECEIVIN'! FROM NOW ON, I'M DISHIN' IT OUT!
AND, JUST IN CASE YOU THINK I'M FUNNIN'...
WHOP!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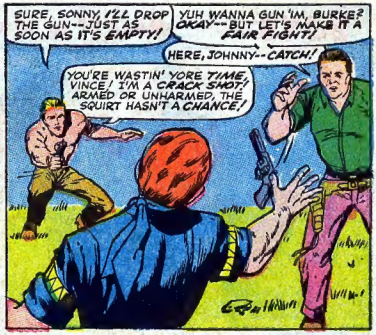
...THIS'LL SET YOU STRAIGHT!



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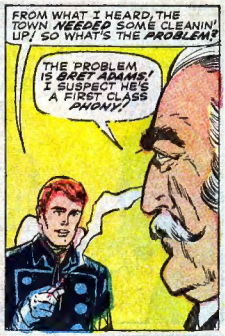
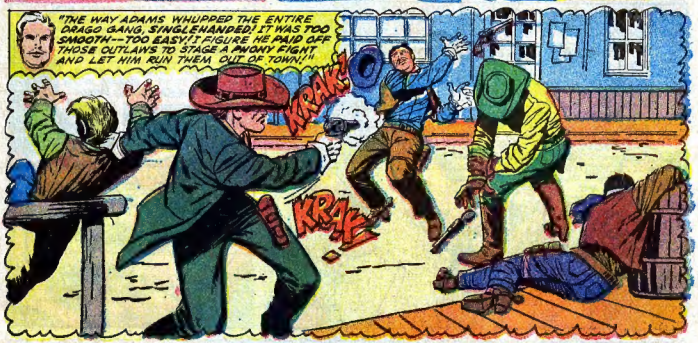
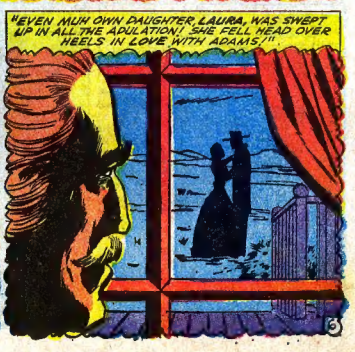
AND THAT'S WHY I SENT FOR YUH! I NEED YOUR HELP!
DO YUH KNOW BRET ADAMS?
ONLY BY HIS REP!

FOLKS CALL HIM THE PEACEMAKER! HE CLEANS UP LAWLESS TOWNS WITH STEEL NERVES AND A FAST GUN!
RIGHT--AND HIS LATEST CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN RIGHT HERE IN GILA GAP!


FROM WHAT I HEARD, THE TOWN NEEDED SOME CLEANIN' UP! SO WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
THE PROBLEM IS BRET ADAMS! I SUSPECT HE'S A FIRST CLASS PHONY!


"THE WAY ADAMS WHUPPED THE ENTIRE DRAGO GANG, SINGLEHANDED! IT WAS TOO SMOOTH--TOO EASY! I FIGURE HE PAID OFF THOSE OUTLAWS TO STAGE A PHONY FIGHT AND LET HIM RUN THEM OUT OF TOWN!"
KRAK!
KRAK!

"BUT I COULDN'T PROVE MUH SUSPICIONS, AND NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE ME! BRET ADAMS HAD CLEANED UP GILA GAP, AND BECOME THE HERO OF THE DAY!"
HE MADE OUR TOWN SAFE!
NOW WE CAN LIVE WITHOUT FEAR!
HOO-RAY FOR THE PEACE-MAKER!


"EVEN MUH OWN DAUGHTER, LAURA, WAS SWEPT UP IN ALL THE ADULATION! SHE FELL HEAD OVER HEELS IN LOVE WITH ADAMS!"

NOW THEY'RE FIXIN' TO BE *MARRIED*, AND THAT'S WHY I SENT FOR YOU, JOHNNY! I WANT YUH TO CHALLENGE ADAMS TO A *SHOOT-OUT*, SO YUH CAN SHOW HIM UP FOR THE *FAKE* HE *IS*!

SORRY, MISTER HARRISON, BUT I'M MORE INTERESTED IN *AVOIDIN'* GUNFIGHTS, THAN IN *STARTIN'* THEM!

LOOK, IF IT'S *MONEY* YUH WANT, I'LL PAY--WHA--*LAURA*! I DIDN'T HEAR YUH COME IN!

WELL, THERE'S NOTHIN' WRONG WITH *MY* HEARIN'! I HEARD THE VICIOUS *LIES* YUH TOLD ABOUT *BRET*!

THEY'RE *NOT* LIES! THEY'RE *TRUE*! I'M *SURE* OF IT!

I THINK I'D BEST BE *GOIN'*! G'NITE!

YOU'VE BEEN HOODWINKED BY BRET ADAMS! HE'S GREEDY FOR *MONEY* AND AMBITIOUS FOR *POWER*!

THAT'S WHY HE'S BUILDING A *PHONY REP* AS A *TOWN TAMER*!

THAT'S WHY HE WANTS TO *MARRY* YUH! HE KNOWS I'M THE RICHEST RANCHER IN THESE PARTS, AND THAT SOME DAY EVERYTHING I OWN WILL BELONG TO YOU!

NO! THAT'S *NOT* BRET'S MOTIVE *AT ALL*! HE'S IN *LOVE* WITH ME!

IS HE, NOW? THEN YUH JUST TELL MISTUH ADAMS THAT HE'S AIMIN' TO WED THE *POOREST GAL* IN THE STATE... 'CAUSE THE MINUTE YOU TWO GET *HITCHED*, I'M CUTTIN' YUH OFF WITHOUT A *CENT*! TELL 'IM *THAT*, MISSY!

I WILL! AND IT *WON'T* MAKE A DIFFERENCE! *YOU'LL* SEE--NOT A DIFFERENCE!

AND SO, THE STARRY-EYED GIRL BREAKS THE NEWS TO HER BELOVED!

I COULDN'T CARE *LESS* ABOUT YOUR INHERITANCE, LAURA!

THE *ONLY* THING OF YOUR FATHER'S THAT I *WANT*, WITH ALL MY *HEART*--IS *YOU*!

OH, BRET, I JUST *KNEW* YOU'D SAY THAT! NOW COULD MY FATHER BE SO *MISTAKEN* ABOUT YOU?

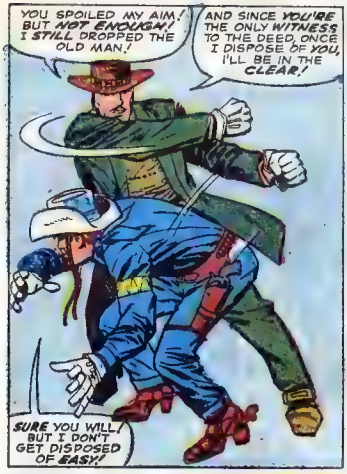
LET'S GET *MARRIED*, DARLING--*RIGHT AWAY*!

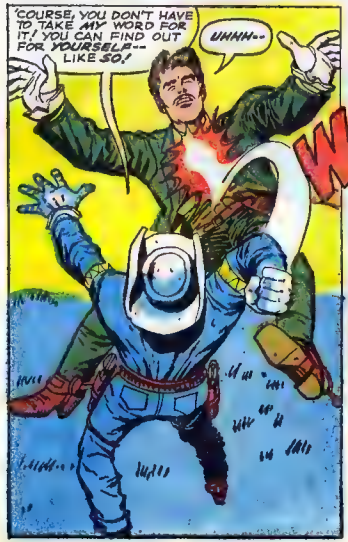
OF *COURSE*, DEAR... AS SOON AS I CLEAR UP A LITTLE MATTER!

THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, A LONE FIGURE CREEPS UP TO THE HARRISON HOUSE...

ONE BULLET... THAT'S ALL IT'LL TAKE TO *STOP* THE OLD MAN FROM CHANGING HIS WILL, AND TO KEEP ME FROM LOSING A *FORTUNE*!

BUT AS PROVIDENCE WOULD HAVE IT, ANOTHER FIGURE, OUT FOR A STROLL, SPIES THE GRIM PROCEEDINGS.
WHA--A JASPER WITH A RIFLE! HE'S FIXIN' TO BUSH-WHACK SOMEONE IN THE HOUSE!
I DON'T KNOW WHO HE'S AFTER, OR WHY! BUT I'D BETTER STOP HIM FAST!
AND AS THE FATEFUL SECONDS TICK AWAY...
I'VE GOT HARRISON IN MY SIGHTS... STEADY... STEADY... I MUSN'T MISS...
WHA--
HARRISON--LOOK OUT!!
KA-POW!
UNNN--





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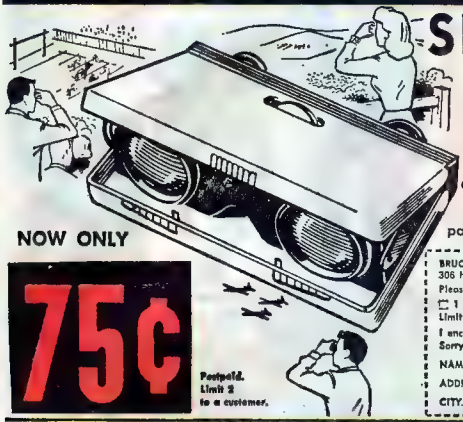

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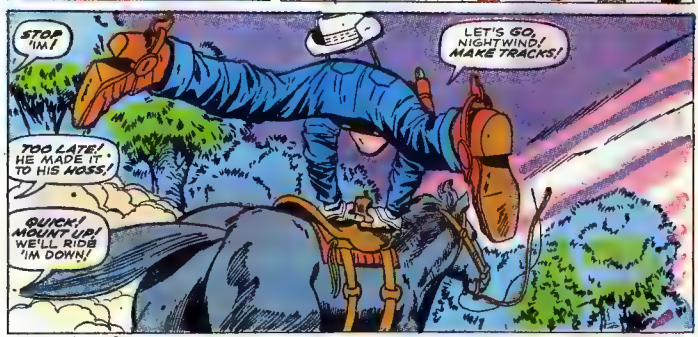
SAVE THE "BUTS"! WE AINT LOCO ENUFF TO TAKE AN OWL HOOT'S WORD OVER THE PEACEMAKER'S!
GIT 'IM, BOYS!

IT'S USELESS! THEY THINK I SHOT HARRISON--AND I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO PROVE MY INNOCENCE BEHIND BARS!
WHY IS IT EVERY TIME I TRY TO LEAD A DECENT, PEACEFUL LIFE, SOMETHIN' GOES WRONG --AND I END UP ON THE RUN AGAIN?
OUTTA MY WAY!


STOP 'IM!
LET'S GO, NIGHTWIND! MAKE TRACKS!
TOO LATE! HE MADE IT TO HIS HOSS!
QUICK! MOUNT UP! WE'LL RIDE 'IM DOWN!

AFTER 'IM! WE GOT A SCORE TO SETTLE FOR THE OLD MAN!
STRETCH YOUR LEGS, BIG FELLA! WE'VE GOT TO OUTDISTANCE 'EM!
YEH! AND THERE'S A REE-WARD OUT ON THE KID! I CAN SURE USE THAT DOUGH!

BUT, THE SPEEDING *NIGHTWIND* SOON LEAVES THE ANGRY PURSUERS FAR BEHIND...

IT'S NO *USE*... THAT BLAMED HORSE OF HIS IS TOO *FAST!*

AT LEAST WE RUN HIM OFF! THAT OWLHOOT'LL NEVER SHOW HIS FACE IN *THIS* TERRITORY AGAIN!

MEANWHILE, AT THE HARRISON RANCH...

YOUR DADDY'S *STILL* IN A *COMA*... BUT, THE DOC SAYS HE'LL BE *ALL RIGHT!*

AS FOR THE RAWHIDE KID, I SWEAR *SOMEDAY, SOMEHOW,* WE'LL MEET AGAIN! AND WHEN WE DO, I'LL SETTLE THE *SCORE!*

OH, BRETT... JUST HAVING YOU HERE IS SUCH A *COMFORT* TO ME.

AND, THAT EVENING, MANY MILES AWAY...

I ESCAPED FREE AND CLEAR...

BUT, EVERYBODY THINKS I'M A *BUSHWHACKER!*

SO, I'VE *GOT* TO GO BACK! TO *CLEAR* MY NAME... AND MORE IMPORTANT, TO *EXPOSE* THAT SNAKE... THE *PEACE-MAKER!*

LATER THAT NIGHT, THE PEACEMAKER SLIPS SILENT AND UNNOTICED, OUT OF TOWN...

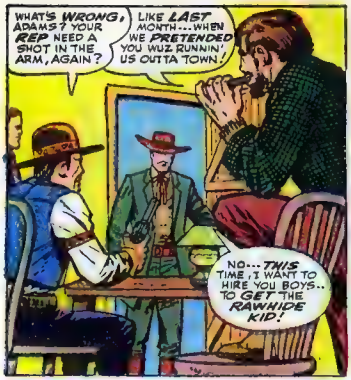
I KNOW HOW THE KID *OPERATES!* HE'LL BE BACK TO *GET* ME!

SO LONG AS THE RAWHIDE KID LIVES... I'M IN *DANGER!* AND, I'VE TOO MUCH AT STAKE TO LOSE NOW!

A FEW MILES FROM TOWN...

WAL, LOOK WHO'S HERE! ...THE *PEACE-MAKER!*

WONDER WHAT HE WANTS FROM US... THIS TIME?

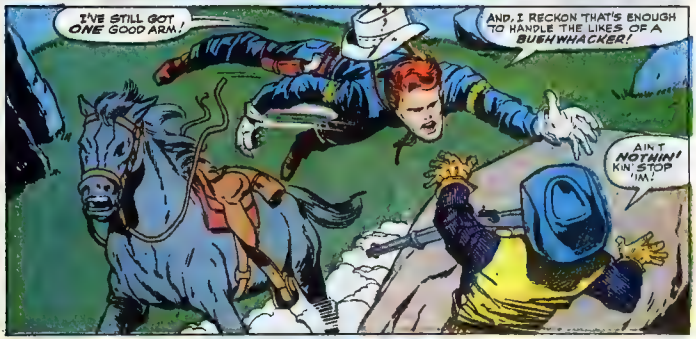

WHAT'S WRONG, ADAMS? YOUR REP NEED A SHOT IN THE ARM, AGAIN?
LIKE LAST MONTH... WHEN WE PRETENDED YOU WUZ RUNNIN' US OUTTA TOWN!
NO... THIS TIME, I WANT TO HIRE YOU BOYS... TO GET THE RAWHIDE KID!

THE KID'S A TOUGH HOMBRE! THAT'LL COST YOU A LOT, HERO-MAN!
I'LL PAY PLENTY! JUST MAKE CERTAIN HE NEVER REACHES TOWN... ALIVE!

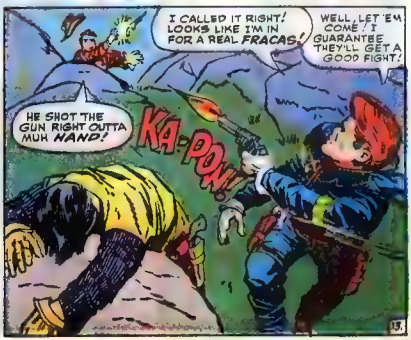
AND SO, A WHILE LATER...
CHARLIE! HIDE THEM HORSES! THE REST OF YOU, GET DOWN BEHIND THE ROCKS!
THE KID'LL HAVE TO COME THROUGH THIS PASS... AND WE'LL BE WAITIN' FOR HIM!

SOON, AS THE UNSUSPECTING RAWHIDE KID RIDES TOWARD TOWN...
THE ONLY WAY FOR FOLKS TO REALIZE THE TRUTH... IS IF I FORCE THE PEACEMAKER TO CONFESS PUBLICLY!
WAIT! THAT SOUND! A PEBBLE FALLING ON THE ROCKS BELOW!
COULD IT BE... JUST... AN ANIMAL?

UHHH! I'M WINGED! I RODE INTO A TRAP!
KRAK!
THE NEXT SHOT'LL FINISH YA OFF!


I'VE STILL GOT ONE GOOD ARM!
AND, I RECKON THAT'S ENOUGH TO HANDLE THE LIKES OF A BUSHWHACKER!
AIN'T NOTHIN' KIN STOP 'IM!

WOK!
THAT TAKES CARE OF HIM! BUT, I BETTER BE ON MY GUARD!
WOLVES ALWAYS TRAVEL IN A PACK!


I CALLED IT RIGHT! LOOKS LIKE I'M IN FOR A REAL FRACAS!
WELL, LET 'EM COME! I GUARANTEE THEY'LL GET A GOOD FIGHT!
HE SHOT THE GUN RIGHT OUTTA MUH HAND!
KA-POW!

SUDDENLY, SEEING TWO OF HIS PARDS DEFEATED, A THIRD OUTLAW, ENRAGED BEYOND *REASON*, LEAPS FROM HIS PLACE OF CONCEALMENT!

SHOOTIN'S TOO GOOD FOR YUH, KID!

I'M GONNA FINISH YUH OFF WITH MY *BARE HANDS!*

I CAN'T SHOOT AN *UNARMED MAN!* YET, HE'S TOO BIG TO STOP WITH *ONE ARM!*

ONLY ONE THING TO DO...

:OOOOF!:

WHUMPH!

...AND GREET HIM WITH MY *FEET!*

AND, GUIDED BY HIS RAZOR-SHARP REFLEXES, HONED IN A THOUSAND BATTLES, THE KID DOES THE *TOTALLY UNEXPECTED!*

I'LL DROP TO THE GROUND--*FAST!*

WHAT IN BLAZES--

THEN, ABSORBING THE IMPACT, THE KID'S IRON MUSCLES REBOUND, HURLING AWAY HIS STUNNED OPPONENT!

I GUESS *THAT'LL* PUT HIM TO SLEEP FOR A WHILE--

BUT, IT'S THE ONES STILL *AWAKE* I'VE GOT TO BE *CONCERNED* ABOUT!

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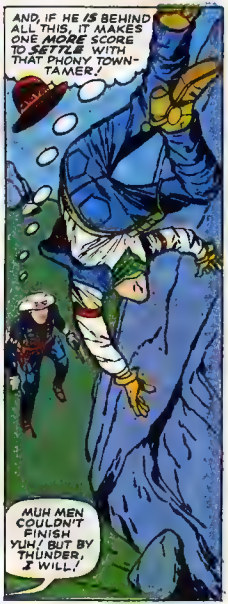
IF I KIN KEEP MUH FOOTIN', THE RAWHIDE KID'S A GONER!
THAT SOUND... A ROCK FALLING! THERE'S SOMEONE ABOVE ME!

AND, BEFORE THE OWLHOOT CAN FIRE...
HE GOT ME! I'M FALLIN'!
KA-POW!
ANOTHER BUSHWHACKER! BUT WHY--WHY ARE THEY AFTER ME?
THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER THAT MAKES ANY SENSE!
THEY MUST BE WORKIN' FOR THE PEACEMAKER!


AND, IF HE IS BEHIND ALL THIS, IT MAKES ONE MORE SCORE TO SETTLE WITH THAT PHONY TOWN-TAMER!
MUH MEN COULDN'T FINISH YUH! BUT BY THUNDER, I WILL!

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KA-POW!
UHHHH!
NOW, GET OVER THERE WITH YOUR PARDS! I'M TAKIN' YOU BOYS IN!

THUS, A WHILE LATER, AT THE TOWN OF GILA GAP...

THE DOCTOR SAYS DADDY WILL RECOVER SOON! BRET, YOU'RE NOT LISTENING TO ME!

THOSE RIDERS COMING! IT-- IT'S THE RAWHIDE KID! HE'S CAPTURED THE ENTIRE DRAGO GANG!

OKAY, DRAGO--START SINGIN'!

BRET ADAMS DIDN'T WHUP US! HE PAID US TO CLEAR OUTA TOWN, SO'S HE COULD BUILD HIMSELF A REP!

AND, WHAT ABOUT OLD MAN HARRISON?

IT WAS ADAMS WHO BUSHWHACKED HIM!

BAH! DRAGO IS A NO 'COUNT LYIN' OUTLAW! NOBODY WILL TAKE HIS WORD OVER MINE! NOBODY!

I RECKON YOU'RE RIGHT...

SO I'M JUST GONNA SHOW THE GOOD FOLKS HERE HOW YOU'VE BAMBOOZLED THEM!

OKAY, MISTER PEACEMAKER--YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A GREAT GUNFIGHTER-- A FIREBRAND WHO CLEANS UP LAWLESS TOWNS! LET'S SEE YOU OUTDRAW ME!

SLAP LEATHER!

I KNOW HIS REP! HE'S LIGHTNING-FAST! BUT I MUST RISK IT! I MUST KEEP UP THE BLUFF!

IF I CAN SOMEHOW MANAGE TO OUTSHOOT THE RAWHIDE KID, I'LL BECOME EVEN MORE FAMOUS! MY NAME WILL BE LEGENDARY!

BUT, IN THE NEXT SPLIT-SECOND, THE GREEDY AMBITIONS OF A RUTHLESS SCHEMER ARE SHATTERED...

KA-POW

...SHATTERED FOR ALL TIME!

KRAK!

STOP! NO MORE! YOU WIN! I'VE BEEN HUMBLED ENOUGH! NO MORE!

KA-POW!

IT'S ALL OVER! MY DREAMS OF FAME AND POWER ARE FINISHED FOREVER!

WHUT ABOUT HARRISON? WAS IT YOU WHO BUSHWHACKED HIM?

YES! I DID IT TO PREVENT HIM CHANGING HIS WILL!

OH, WHAT A BLIND FOOL I WAS!

DADDY WAS RIGHT ABOUT YOU! I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN, BRET! NEVER!

LOOK, HE'S LEAVIN'! WE CAN'T JUST LET 'IM GO FREE! SOMEBODY STOP 'IM!

NO! LET HIM GO...

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AND, AS THE DEFEATED "TOWN TAMER" FADES INTO THE DISTANCE...

IF YOU HADN'T EXPOSED BRET, I'D HAVE MADE HIM THE BIGGEST MISTAKE OF MY LIFE--MY HUSBAND! I'M SO GRATEFUL TO YOU--AS I'M SURE DADDY WILL BE! YOU'LL ALWAYS HAVE A JOB WITH US, IF YOU WANT IT!

THANKS, BUT I MUST MOVE ON! IT'S TOO RISKY FOR AN HOMBRE WITH A PRICE ON HIS HEAD TO REMAIN WHERE HE'S KNOWN! ADIOS, LAURA!

AND SO, ONCE AGAIN THE KID MOUNTS UP AND RIDES OFF...TOO QUICKLY FOR REGRETS OR SELF-PITY!

I HATED TO LEAVE THOSE FOLKS, NIGHTWIND! BUT THERE ARE OTHER TOWNS...OTHER TERRITORIES...

...AND SOONER OR LATER, WE'RE BOUND TO FIND THE ONE THAT HAS THE PEACE AND QUIET I'M SEARCHIN' FOR!

BUT, BEFORE THAT HALCYON DAY ARRIVES, THE RAWHIDE KID WILL FACE MANY MORE SLAM-BANG ADVENTURES! SO BE SURE TO BE HERE TO RIDE THE RANGE WITH US NEXT ISSUE, PARDS!

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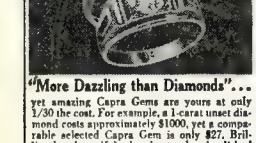

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ITEM: Before we do another thing, we've gotta give a mighty Marvel vote of thanks to the famous servicemen's newspaper *Stars and Stripes*, for the terrific write-up they gave our mags just a few ishes ago! We've received enthusiastic letters of comment about it from G.I.'s all over the world, and no wonder, considering that *Stars and Stripes* had things like this to say about us: "(Marvel is) responsible for getting the collegiate crowd on the comics kick!" Then, they go on to say, "From the Ivy League to the Pacific Coast Conference, more than 100 college campuses have their own fan-club chapter of the 'Merry Marvel Marching Society'." Not to mention: "—They are the first breed of superhero-characters that young adults can really identify with." Though the thing that really knocked us out was when we read: "—It's anything but 'just another fad' when the professors are reading them, too." We'd love to quote lots more, but you all know how inordinately modest we are — so we'll just toss another "much obliged" to our great G.I. boosters, and let it go at that!

ITEM: We get letters each day complaining about the difficulty of finding Marvel mags in some areas. The best way to prevent this unspeakable tragedy is to tell your dealer that he should be sure to display the Marvel titles up front. We're not trying to get fancy with this bill or sign, but unfortunately some dealers haven't yet realized the difference between Marvels and ordinary comics — and only you, O Keeper of the Faith, can remedy that situation by letting your dealer know that we're taking over the world — together!

ITEM: We never thought we'd say anything like this to you — because you know how greedy we are — but for the love of Aunt Petunia, *don't* send us your nickels, dimes, quarters, or postage stamps for our rings, mini-books, plastic figures, bubble gum cards, toys, or any of that jazz! We don't have any here at the Bullpen — honest! We're not the ones who sell those items — the manufacturers themselves do that! So, watch for all our Marvel goodies at your local stores and spare the gang in the Bullpen from having to lick a zillion stamps daily! Okay?

ITEM: It's time for another of our extravagant explanations! Practically every Marvelite in captivity has written to ask why we printed a TV ad a month or so ago which featured another company's character! Some of the letters were cute as all get-out, describing us as turncoats, traitors, defectors, or just plain weak-minded! Perhaps it was a startling sight to see a rival super-hero staring at you from the pages of one of our own publications! But, the explanation is really kind's simple. We most sincerely believe in the theory of a free press. We also believe that honest competition is healthy for everybody concerned. So, if a competitor wants to pay us his own good money in order to buy an ad in one of our mags, we're delighted. Actually, we consider it a great compliment to us — for it proves that no matter how they may hate to admit it, even they are willing to pay a bundle just to appear in a Marvel mag! (Say! Do you think they'd accept an ad for one of our mags in a book of theirs? It sure would be fun to find out!)

ITEM: Have we told you yet about the big COMICS FAN CONVENTION held in midtown Manhattan at the end of July? The guest of honor was none other than Jolly Jack Kirby, who gave a short, enthusiastically received speech to his many fans, and then answered a whole kaboodle of questions from everyone in sight. A few weeks later, at another Comics Con, practically the whole Marvel Bullpen was in attendance. Smilin' Stan talked and talked and talked and talked — and talked — for hours, in his usual capriciously confusing manner, while Rascally Roy, Fabulous Flo, Jazzy Johnny, Wild Bill, Jaunty Jim, Mirthful Marie, Rambunctious Ron, Dandy Denny, Lilt'in' Larry, and Merry Morrie did their brilliant bit to spread the word of Marveldom thruout the awed assemblage! Our thanks to Dave Kaler, John Benson, and the many, many frantic fans whose heart-warming hospitality and good humor helped to make the occasion a truly memorable one for us all!

ITEM: Before next month's mags go to the printer, we should start receiving your cogent comments concerning our Marvel Super-Heroes TV Spectacular! So, watch this space, as well as our various letters pages, for a detailed summing-up of the pros and cons of Marvel's first venture into what we laughingly refer to as — Show Biz! We have a hunch it'll be fun to compare notes. And remember — every one of you true believers is an official Marvel Critic-at-Large! We have spoken!

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DAREDEVIL #24: In answer to a zillion requests, we have another nutty, nail-biting mystery for you! And, just to make it extra-special, it features the return of a fighting-mad Ka-Zar — plus, the most serious threat yet to Matt's secret identity! A sizzler!

THOR #136: The big one, at last! Odin decides to make Jane Foster an immortal, so that she and the Thunder God can be married! But, it leads to one of the most unusual, unsuspected problems of all! We kid thee not!

STRANGE TALES #153: Nick Fury stars in one of the most hair-raising auto chases since the Perils of Pauline, as Hydra strikes again — while Dr. Strange attacks an army of Mindless Ones, single-handed, to save a helpless girl!

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"RENO'S REVENGE!"

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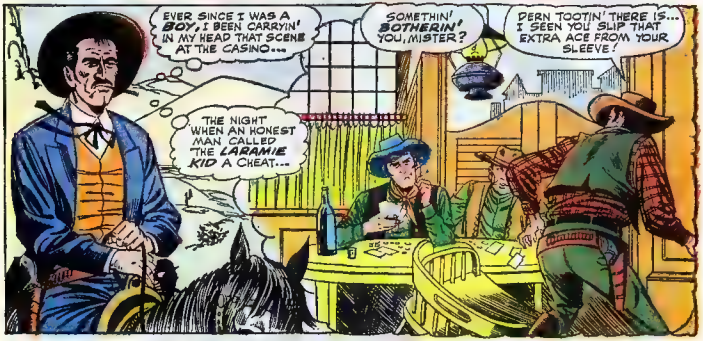
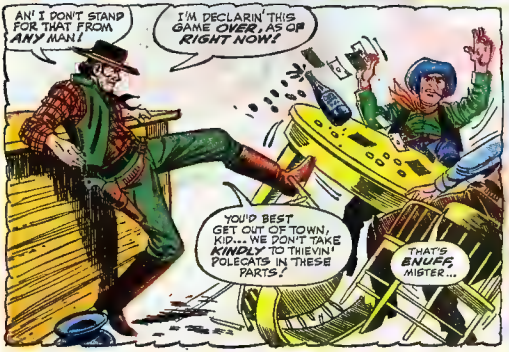
WHEREVER RENO STOPS, VIOLENCE REARS ITS HEAD...
HAVE YOU HAD ENOUGH, MUCHACHO ...OR SHALL I HOLSTER MY COLT AND LET YOU TRY AGAIN?
I KNOW WHEN I'M BEATEN, RENO! I'LL TELL YOU WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW!

MINUTES LATER, RENO RIDES OUT OF TOWN...
BRIMSTONE...HE SAID I COULD FIND THE LARAMIE KID IN BRIMSTONE!
LOOKS LIKE I'M COMING TO THE END OF A LONG TRAIL... A TRAIL THAT STARTED OVER TWENTY YEARS AGO...!


EVER SINCE I WAS A BOY, I BEEN CARRYIN' IN MY HEAD THAT SCENE AT THE CASINO...
THE NIGHT WHEN AN HONEST MAN CALLED THE LARAMIE KID A CHEAT...
SOMETHIN' BOTHERIN' YOU, MISTER?
DERN TOOTIN' THERE IS... I SEEN YOU SLIP THAT EXTRA ACE FROM YOUR SLEEVE!


AN' I DON'T STAND FOR THAT FROM ANY MAN!
I'M DECLARIN' THIS GAME OVER, AS OF RIGHT NOW!
YOU'D BEST GET OUT OF TOWN, KID... WE DON'T TAKE KINDLY TO THIEVIN' POLECATS IN THESE PARTS!
THAT'S ENUFF, MISTER...

YOU GOT ANY LAST WORDS, YOU BETTER SAY 'EM!
'CAUSE IN JUST ONE SECOND, YOU'RE GONNA BE DEAD!

"THEN THE KID DREW AND FIRE?, SO FAST THAT NOBODY EVEN SAW HIM SLAP LEATHER, BEFORE THE TWO SHOTS TOOK A GOOD MAN'S LIFE ..."

NOBODY PUSHES ME AROUND... NOBODY!

UNGH!

BLAM!

BLAM!

"I'LL NEVER FORGET THE LOOK IN HIS EYE... THE LOOK OF A WILD ANIMAL WHO'S MADE A KILL..."

IF THERE'S ANY FRIENDS OF THIS HOMBRE WHO WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM...

TELL 'EM HE INSULTED THE LARAMIE KID!

THERE AIN'T ANY MAN WHO DOES THAT, AND LIVES!

"THE MAN LAYIN' THERE WITH THE KID'S SLUGS IN HIS HEART WAS MY FATHER... SO I PICKED UP HIS UNFIRED COLT, AND I MADE A VOW..."

I'LL MAKE YOU PAY FOR MURDERIN' MY PA!

NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES, I SWEAR I'LL GET YOU!

"FOR YEARS, I PRACTICED EVERY DAY, TILL I COULD USE BOTH HANDS AS GOOD AS THE KID... I PRACTICED UNTIL I WAS GOOD..."

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BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!

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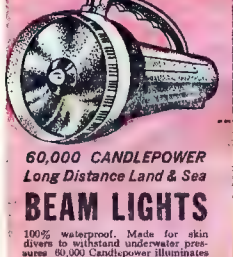

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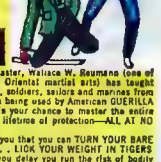

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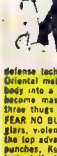

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TINKLE!
"WORD GOT AROUND FAST...SEEMED LIKE EVERYWHERE I WENT, SOME JASPER TRIED TO MAKE A REPUTATION FOR HIMSELF BY PROVIN' HIS GUN WAS FASTER THAN MINE!"
POOR FOOL! HE DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE--- EVEN THOUGH I ONLY SHOT IN SELF-DEFENSE!
"...ONCE THE KILLIN' STARTED, THERE WAS NO WAY I COULD STOP IT!"
"SO I RODE FROM PLACE TO PLACE, HATIN' MYSELF EVERY TIME I HAD TO GUN DOWN SOME TWO-BIT PUNK HUNGRY FOR FAME...AND ALWAYS LOOKIN' FOR THE MAN WHO'D FORCED ME TO BECOME A GUNFIGHTER...THE MAN I'D SWORN TO KILL..."
GUNFIGHTER!
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GUNFIGHTER!!
ONE MORE SHOOT-OUT... THEN, MAYBE I CAN PUT MY GUNS AWAY FOREVER!
BRIMSTONE LOOKS LIKE A MIGHTY QUIET TOWN FOR A MAN WHO LIKES BRIGHT LIGHTS AND LOTS OF GAMBLIN'!
BRIMSTONE
COULD BE THE KID HAS DIFFERENT TASTES IN ENTERTAINMENT NOW!
LOOK! AIN'T THAT RENO BRANDEN? WONDER WHAT HE WANTS HERE!
I DUNNO! BUT, WHEREVER THAT HOMBRE GOES, THERE'S TROUBLE!
WE BETTER GET THE DECENT FOLK OFF THE STREETS TILL HE'S GONE!

YOU FOLKS WANT TO STAY **HEALTHY**, YOU'LL ANSWER ONE QUESTION --- AND ANSWER IT **QUICK!**

I HEAR TELL THE **LARAMIE KID** IS HOLED UP IN BRIMSTONE! I WANT TO KNOW **WHERE!**

YOU MUST MEAN THAT RANNY DOWN AT THE **HOTEL!**

THEN... IS THE **LARAMIE KID** IN HERE?

WHAT... WHAT DO YOU **WANT?**

I WANT **YOU**, KID--SO, COME OUT WITH A **GUN** IN YOUR FIST!

SLOWLY, A WITHERED HAND CLUTCHES THE DOOR...

GUN? I AIN'T HELD A GUN IN **YEARS**...

CREAK...

MY FINGERS ARE TOO SHAKY TO HOLD **ANYTHING**, 'CEPT THIS MOP!

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT I WISH YOU'D LET ME ALONE! ALL I WANT IS TO DIE IN **PEACE!**

HE'S **OLD**... ALMOST **BLIND!** HE'S **ALREADY** PAID FOR HIS CRIMES!

TIME CAUGHT UP TO HIM BEFORE **I** DID!

DID YOU SEE **THAT?**

YEAH... RENO TURNED AND WALKED **AWAY** FROM THE OLD FELLA!

AN' HE'S DROPPIN' HIS **GUNBELT!**

RENO HAD REACHED THE END OF HIS VENGEANCE TRAIL! HE MOUNTED HIS HORSE, AND, WITHOUT A BACKWARD LOOK, RODE AWAY FROM THE LARAMIE KID... AND FROM HIS LIFE AS A GUNFIGHTER!

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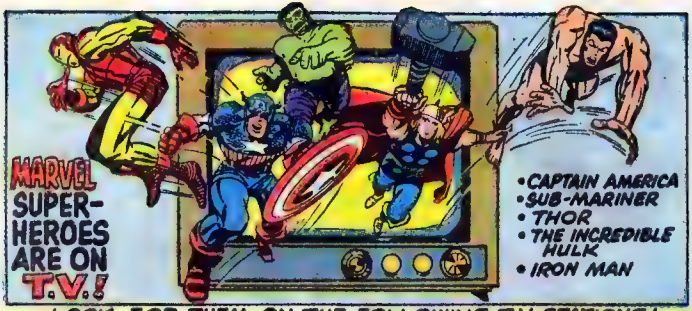

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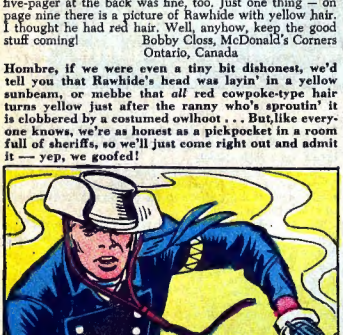
Dear Stan and Larry,

I just finished RAWHIDE KID #53, and was it ever good! Rawhide sure knows how to beat any foe! The five-pager at the back was fine, too. Just one thing — on page nine there is a picture of Rawhide with yellow hair. I thought he had red hair. Well, anyhow, keep the good stuff coming!

Bobby Closs, McDonald's Corners
Ontario, Canada

Hombre, if we were even a tiny bit dishonest, we'd tell you that Rawhide's head was layin' in a yellow sunbeam, or mebbe that *all* red cowpoke-type hair turns yellow just after the ranny who's sproutin' it is clobbered by a costumed owlhoot . . . But, like everyone knows, we're as honest as a pickpocket in a room full of sheriffs, so we'll just come right out and admit it — yep, we goofed!



Dear Stan and Larry,

Issue #53 of the RAWHIDE KID was great, and Larry's art perfect except for page one, where Nightwind has an expression that hurts his personality. Again, I'd like to request that the three Marvel Kids team up. A good idea would be to get them together in an annual. Keep up the good work!

Terry Lee Pennington, 45 Rue de Minimes
Verdun, France

We just took a gander at Nightwind's face in the panel you mentioned, and by golly, you're *right!* He *does* look a mite out of sorts! 'Bout all we can say is that we reckon most anyone's sweet disposition would be ruffled by four hombres slingin' lead in his direction! Since you live in France, we'll drop our usual *Hasta la vista*, and say *Adieu*, instead! (And if they don't mean the same thing, like we think they do . . . Well, we tried!)

Dear Stan and Larry,

I'd like for Rawhide to have a new suit and guns. The suit should be black; his bandana dark blue with a pearl on the ends! His shirt buttons should also be pearls. His gun belt should be a tannish leather with pretty markings on it, the buckle of gold and diamonds. His hat should be white, with a picture of him and Nightwind engraved on a gold nugget on front. Boots? Black and sharp-tied, with spurs of silver held on by diamonds. His gun barrels should be gold, the gun handles carved wood trimmed with diamonds.

Butch Ragwell
Ackerman, Miss.

Hoo-*ee!* For a minute there, we thought we'd wandered into a fashion magazine by mistake! Actually, we gotta admit that you described a handsome rig, but we got one question — how in tarnation could Rawhide *pay* for all those diamonds and gold nuggets and stuff?

Dear Stan and Larry,

I have just dropped RAWHIDE KID #54. It was a masterpiece! How about letting the Kid have a girl friend in your next story? And why can't the Kid wear a tin star? He would make a good lawman — give him a try. We fans would like to see him on TV!

James E. Lee, 110 Redwood
Panama City, Fla.

***We'd* like to see him on TV, too, ranny! Heck fire, we'd like to see him in the movies and hear him on the radio and mebbe elect him senator! And, for all we know, he might *be* on the tube or screen or in Washington one of these days! (Nobody ever tells us *anything!*) But meanwhile, don't get lonesome waiting for a television version of our favorite guntoter, 'cause lots of his buddies — the Marvel Super-Heroes — will be lightin' up the video prairie real soon, and we're dead certain they'll keep you smilin' till Rawhide comes along!**

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